

A RESOLUTION to honor Principal Lester Eugene Trotter on the
occasion of his retirement from Williamson
County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary individuals who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County High School's devoted principal, Lester Eugene Trotter, is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trotter has amassed an amazing 38 year career as an educator, giving unreservedly of himself as a classroom teacher, coach and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trotter received his bachelor of science degree from Austin Peay State University in 1955 and taught in Dresden, Tennessee for one year before answering a call to military service and enlisting in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, with a great desire to return to the classroom after the military, Mr. Trotter accepted a position with Lakeview School in Humphreys County, teaching seventh and eighth grade students; he transferred to McEwen High School in 1959, where he coached the football and girls basketball teams, in addition to teaching physical education, health and social studies; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County High School officials realized Mr. Trotter's abilities and great potential and recruited him in 1964 to become the school's head football coach, girls basketball coach and instructor of driver's education, physical education, health and history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trotter made significant contributions to the history of WCHS girls basketball; during his prodigious coaching career, Coach Trotter had several teams advance to

the state tournament including his 1967 state runners-up, 1968 state champions, and 1976 state semi-finalists; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-eight year career as a girls basketball coach, Coach Trotter compiled an impressive record of 489 wins and only 81 losses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trotter's success as a coach did not end with basketball and football; he was also a gifted golf coach at WCHS, producing a state runners-up team in 1987 and a state championship team in 1988; and

WHEREAS, because of his superlative leadership abilities and unflagging commitment to excellence, Mr. Trotter was offered the position of assistant principal in 1968 and he held this distinguished position until 1986 when he was asked to take over as head principal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trotter has served the students under his charge with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen; he has been a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish him and is tremendously admired by students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Mr. Trotter is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and upon his retirement, it is appropriate that the members of this Assembly acknowledge their profound appreciation and gratitude to one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Lester Eugene Trotter for a lifetime of service as an educator and wish him much happiness in his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.

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